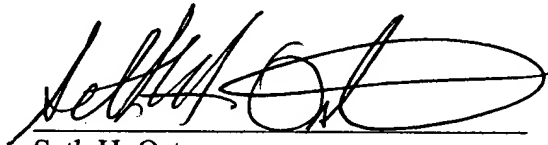


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry and favorable consideration of the present amendment is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added. The Applicant believes that all claims as presently pending are patentable and early allowance is requested. To expedite the prosecution of this application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the Applicant's undersigned representative to discuss any issues regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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